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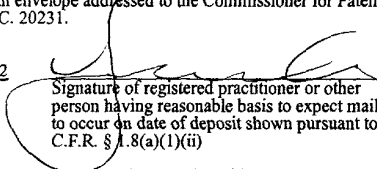
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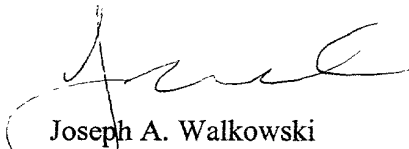
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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
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- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1578.
  - \$1242 for 69 total claims over 20.
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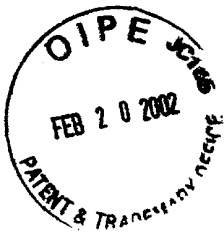
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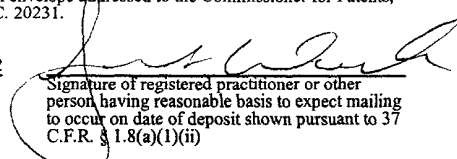
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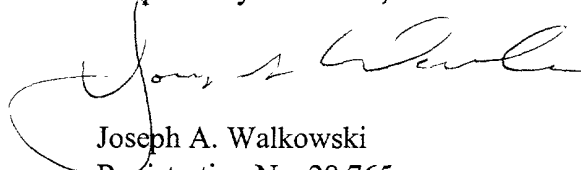
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